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# Statement of MIKE MCCARTNEY Director

Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM

Friday, March 29, 2019 2:50 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 414

In consideration of

#### **GM 625**

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, GARTH YAMANAKA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2023.

Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Senate Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism strongly supports the gubernatorial nomination of Mr. Garth Yamanaka to continue to serve as a member of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

Mr. Yamanaka resides on the Island of Hawaii, and is vice president, property manager and sales agent at Yamanaka Enterprises, Inc. In addition to serving as an SBRRB member since 2015, he presently serves as a board member of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, and Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association. He is also Treasurer of the Rotary Club of South Hilo Foundation and is on the government affairs committee for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii.

Mr. Yamanaka has served as the SBRRB's Vice Chair for the past two years and has been extremely valuable at the monthly board meetings when reviewing Hawaii Administrative Rules from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the County of Hawaii.

We thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Mr. Yamanaka's nomination to the SBRRB.



### SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD

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## **AMENDED**

## <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

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TO: Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniquchi, and Members of the

Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism

FROM: Anthony Borge, Chairperson

Small Business Regulatory Review Board

DATE: March 29, 2019 – Room 414 at 2:50 p.m.

SUBJECT: GM 625 Garth Yamanaka – Strong Support

On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB), I am providing testimony in strong support of the nomination of Mr. Garth Yamanaka to continue to serve as a member of the SBRRB. He has been a member of the SBRRB since 2015 and has been the board's second vice chair for the past two years.

Mr. Yamanaka resides on the Island of Hawaii and specializes in residential and commercial sales and property management. Currently, he is a member of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, Treasurer of the Rotary Club of South Hilo Foundation, and a board member of Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association. He also serves on the government affairs committee for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii, is a member of the National Association of Realtors and an SRA Designated Member of the Appraisal Institute.

With his strong community involvement and experience as an advocate for Hawaii small businesses, I am confident that Mr. Yamanaka will continue to contribute to the SBRRB's strategic plans and ongoing commitment to Hawaii's small business community, particularly as it pertains to the Big Island.

We thank you for allowing the SBRRB to testify in strong support of Mr. Yamanaka's nomination to this Board as a representative of the Island of Hawaii.